

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Natsuhiko MIZUTANI et al.) Examiner: J. S. Ruggles
Application No.: 10/529,892) Group Art Unit: 1795
U.S. National Stage Completion) Confirmation No.: 7800
Under 35 U.S.C. § 371: November 22, 2005)
For: NEAR-FIELD LIGHT GENERATING METHOD :
AND NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL HEAD USING A)
LIGHT BLOK Ding METAL FILM HAVING A :
FINE OPENING WHOSE SIZE IS NOT MORE)
THAN A WAVELENGTH OF IRRADIATED :
LIGHT, AND NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL)
MICROSCOPE HAVING THE OPTICAL HEAD :
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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statements filed May 4, 2005, November 7, 2005, and July 21, 2006, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form.

Japanese patent document number 11-72607 generally corresponds to U.S. Patent Nos. 5,973,316 and 6,052,238. The '316 patent was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statements filed May 4, 2005, and November 7, 2005.


Japanese patent document number 11-265520 generally corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,304,527. The '527 patent was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statements filed May 4, 2005, and November 7, 2005.

Applicants request that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

The statutory fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) is being paid electronically. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 should any other fees be deemed necessary in connection with this paper.

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